

Many home school students have great experiences playing solo instruments, usually piano or guitar. However, there is both an important and unique cognitive learning experience and level of fun being part of a group that plays music interactively together. Even if you have years of experience on piano or another 'solo' instrument, you will learn important new skills that you can only learn when performing in a group like this.

This will be our 4th year for a group music opportunity at Mid Metro Academy. In the past we have focused on jazz, bucket band, and boomwhackers. This fall we are looking to introduce **Choir/Tone Chimes**. These have often used by Handbell groups as a rehearsal instrument. (And hopefully we will be able to use traditional handbells a couple times during the year).

## **Prerequisite:**

Previous music experience is NOT required; however, anyone with some previous music training will excel in this group.

## **About the Instructor**

Mr. Paschen has a degree in Music Composition and has served in many different music roles over the past 30+ years, including Director of Youth Instrumental Ensembles and Worship Pastor at several churches, Assistant to the Director of Bands at North High School, North St. Paul, MN, District 622 Marching Band Director, Co-Director of Strike Up The Band Marching Band, and Percussion Ensemble (and other ensemble) director for Twin Cities Home School Band. He has directed both the Jazz Band and the Percussion Ensemble at Mid Metro Academy.